

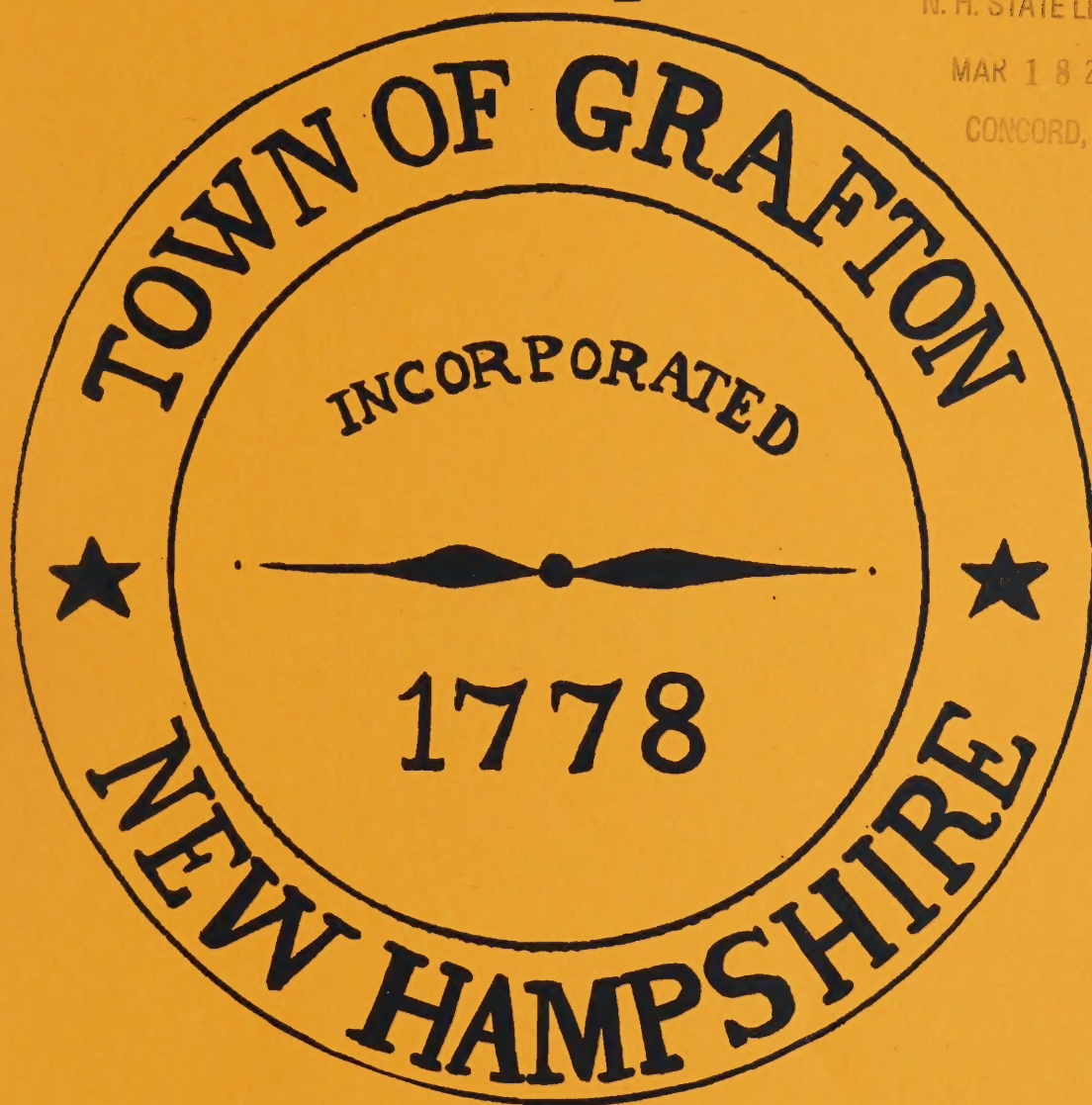
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the Year Ending  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007***





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## ***Dedication***

We dedicate the 2007 Grafton Town Report to volunteer EMT and former Ambulance Captain Jane Kenyon.



Jane Kenyon has been a dedicated volunteer in the town of Grafton for the past twenty five years. Jane served as Captain of the Ambulance for eight years. Jane responded to medical emergencies with efficiency and compassion. Jane's efforts have left a tangible mark on the Ambulance Squad and the people of Grafton.

Thank you, Jane, for your years of service.



## **Town Officers**

### **Selectmen**

Jennie Joyce '08

Stephen Darrow '09

Dorothy Meade-Campbell '10

### **Moderator**

Bonnie J. Haubrich '08

### **Town Clerk**

Mary McDow '10

### **Treasurer**

June Burrington '08

### **Tax Collector**

Janet Duefield '08

### **Deputy Tax Collector**

Catherine Coutu, Appointed

### **Road Agent**

Frederick Duefield '10

### **Budget Committee**

Bill Bailey '08

Catherine Mulholland '09

Henry Frothingham '10

### **Police Department**

#### **Chief**

Merle Kenyon '08

#### **Matron**

Jane Kenyon

#### **Officer**

Norman Daigneault

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Keary Morse '08

Catherine Mulholland '09

Brenda Perkins '10

### **Library Trustees**

Marian Morse '08

Dorothy Meade-Campbell '09

Sharon Duffy '10

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Rosalie Babiarz '08

Marguerite Conley '10

Mary Warren '12

### **Cemetery Trustees**

Glenn Sliker '08

Louise Gallup '09

### **Planning Board**

Jon Thompson '08 (Resigned)

David Rienzo '09

Catherine Mulholland '09

Sam Vose, Appointed

Brian Fellers '10

### **Auditors**

Pamela Curran '09

Howard Boucher '11

### **Fire Warden**

Sean Frost

### **Fire Chief**

Christopher Williams (Resigned)

### **Health Officer**

John Knott

John Babiarz

### **Welfare Director**

Marian Morse

### **Ambulance Captain**

Jane Kenyon (Retired)

Sandra Pierson

### **Town Hall Superintendent**

Louise Gallup

### **Selectmen's Administrative Assistant**

Kelli Morton

### **Recreation Committee**

Pam Grinley

David Roberts

Sandy Goodwin

Bob Goodwin



## Summary of 2007 Warrant Articles

1. All officers duly elected.
2. Passed operating budget of \$896,553.
3. Voted to raise \$30,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.
4. Voted to raise \$130,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Rescue Vehicle. \$100,500 to be withdrawn from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$30,000 to be raised by taxation.
5. Voted to raise \$40,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.
6. Voted to raise \$30,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.
7. Voted to raise \$7,000 to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.
8. Voted to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of upgrading and repaving existing paved roads.
9. Voted to raise \$20,000 to be added to the New Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.
10. Voted to withdraw \$96,000 from the New Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance vehicle.
11. Voted to raise \$2,500 to be added to the Library Improvements Fund.
12. Voted to raise \$2,000 to be added to the Records Storage Vault Capital Reserve Fund.
13. Voted to raise \$3,000 to be added to the Town Hall Repairs Capital Fund.
14. Voted to raise \$1,000 to be added to the Veterans' Memorial Park Construction Capital Reserve Fund.
15. Voted to discontinue the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund created in 1985. And transfer said funds of \$120,013 plus interest to the municipality's general fund.
16. Voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of recycling and to raise \$120,013 to be placed in said fund and to further authorize the Selectmen to act as agents to expend.
17. Voted to raise \$32,000 for the purchase and set up of a New Compactor at the Recycling Center.
18. Voted to establish a revolving fund under RSA 31:95-H (a) (II) for the purpose of purchasing equipment and/or items needed for the Recycling Center, said funds to begin this account shall come from the general fund in the amount of \$13,000 which represents the amount of money earned from recycling in 2006.
19. Voted to establish a disabled exemption which will be taken from the assessed value of a property either owned by a disabled individual or a disabled individual married to a property owner who has owned property for more than five years in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 72:37-b.
20. Defeated to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13, SB2, as adopted by the Town on March 19th, 1996.
21. Defeated to change the date of March Meeting to the second Tuesday in April.
22. Defeated to have the Board of Selectmen levy property taxes starting in the year 2008 on a biannual (twice a year) schedule.
23. Defeated to raise \$500 to be used as a portion of the operating budget for the Canaan Town Library.
24. Defeated to raise \$25,000 to establish a fund for the purpose of paving a portion of Kinsman Road.
25. Voted to discontinue absolutely the easterly portion of Johnson Lane.
26. Defeated to pass an ordinance known as "The Grafton United Nations Free Zone Act".
27. Voted to recognize U.S. Route 4 designated the Purple Heart Trail by the New Hampshire General Court.
28. Defeated for the Town to go on record as in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change.
29. Voted to eliminate the two Town Auditor positions.
30. Defeated to raise \$33,150 to add a fulltime officer to the Grafton Police Department.
31. Voted to allow the collection of prepayments for property taxes under the provisions of RSA 80:52-a.



**WARRANT for the TOWN of GRAFTON  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2008**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Grafton in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/ Ambulance Station in Grafton, New Hampshire, on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February next at 1:00 PM for the first session, to discuss, debate, and amend the Town budget and all Warrant Articles which are listed below (with the exception of Article #1, which elects officers) and to vote by ballot at the Grafton Fire/ Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on elected officials and all Warrant Articles that are listed below:

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

1. To choose all necessary officers for the next year ensuing; including, Selectman 3 years, Tax Collector 3 years, Budget Committee 3 years, Police Chief 3 years, Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years, Library Trustee 3 years, Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years, Cemetery Trustee 3 years, and Planning Board 3 years.

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"To choose all necessary officers for the next year ensuing; including, Selectman 3 years, Tax Collector 3 years, Budget Committee 3 years, Moderator 2 years, Police Chief 3 years, Treasurer 1 year, Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years, Library Trustee 3 years, Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years, Cemetery Trustee 3 years, and Planning Board 3 years."**)

2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$947,731.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$896,553.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Grafton, or by law, or the Governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take the issue of a revised budget only. NOTE: This Warrant Article (operating budget) does not include special warrant articles or individual warrant articles.

**General Government**

Executive	\$44,840.	<b>(\$41,439.)</b>
Election/Town Clerk	31,430.	(31,430.)
Financial Administration	27,470.	<b>(19,970.)</b>
Reappraisal of Property/Software Support	28,000.	(28,000.)
Legal Expenses	10,000.	<b>(8,000.)</b>
FICA (social security/Medicare)	23,900.	(23,900.)
Planning Board	2,000.	(2,000.)
General Government Buildings	46,845.	(46,845.)
Cemeteries	3,000.	(3,000.)
Insurance	79,000.	<b>(69,000.)</b>
Advertising/Regional Dues	2,500.	(2,500.)
Contingency	2,000.	(2,000.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300,985.</b>	<b>(\$278,084.)</b>

**Public Safety**

Police	\$96,244.	<b>(\$96,244.)</b>
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Ambulance	19,735.	(19,735.)
Fire Department	17,514.	<b>(18,514.)</b>
Emergency Management	3,000.	(3,000.)
Forest Fire Warden	600.	<b>(1,000.)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,093.</b>	<b>(\$138,493.)</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>		
Highway Department	\$324,560.	(\$324,560.)
(Includes \$128,137.61 estimated block grant, Town share would be \$194,422.39)		
Street Lights	3,000.	(3,000.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$327,560.</b>	<b>(\$327,560.)</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>		
Solid Waste	\$119,050.	(\$119,050.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119,050.</b>	<b>(\$119,050.)</b>
<b>Health</b>		
Health Officer	400.	(\$400.)
Health Department	11,515.	(11,515.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,915.</b>	<b>(\$11,915.)</b>
<b>Welfare</b>		
General Assistance	\$18,000.	(\$18,000.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000.</b>	<b>(\$18,000.)</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>		
Parks and Recreation	\$7,000.	(\$7,000.)
Library	5,528.	(5,528.)
Patriotic Purposes	300.	(300.)
Old Home Day	300.	(300.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,128.</b>	<b>(\$13,128.)</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>		
Interest on TAN (tax anticipation note)	\$20,000.	(\$20,000.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.</b>	<b>(\$20,000.)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$947,731.</b>	<b>(\$926,230.)</b>

(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Budget amounts reflected in bold in the right hand column are amendments made to the budget when discussed line by line.)

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a RAD-57 C O pulse oximeter for use on the Grafton Ambulance. (This device is to detect levels of carbon monoxide in patients suspected of having this poisoning) Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,144.00 for the purpose of giving the police chief a raise in salary. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,195.00 for the purpose of giving the road agent a raise in salary. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the road repaving project. Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.



7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000.00 to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000.00 to be added to the already established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,000.00 to be added to the already established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000.00 to be added to the already established New Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000.00 for the purpose of giving the Treasurer a raise in salary. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500.00 to be added to the already established Library Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and to have the Selectmen act as agents to expend. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,000.00 to be added to the already established Storage Vault Capital Reserve. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 118,750 to be taken from the unexpended fund balance and to be placed into the already established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund and have the Selectmen act as agents to expend. (No effect on taxes). Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000.00 to be added to the already established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000.00 to be added to the already established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.")**

16. To see if the Town will vote to close the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve established in 1995 by removing the amount of \$84.35 plus accrued interest and placing it into the General Fund. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"To see if the Town will vote to close the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve established in 1995 by removing the amount of \$84.35 plus accrued interest and placing it into the Unreserved Fund Balance. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.")**

17. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13, as adopted by the Town on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 majority required) Recommended by the Selectmen.



18. "Are you in favor of abolishing the Planning Board as per RSA 673:18 proposed by petition of the voters of the Town of Grafton?" (by petition). Not recommended by the Planning Board.
19. "To see if the Town will return to the voters control over expenditures from the following Capital Reserve Funds: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, and Highway Capital Reserve Fund. By rescinding the authority given to the Selectmen to act as agents to expend. Thence requiring voter approval at Town Meeting to expend from these funds as was necessary prior to 2004." (by petition).
20. "Are you in favor of requiring that the Town of Grafton set the date for payment of property tax bills be one day prior to Town Meeting?" (by petition).
21. "To see if the Town will vote to require that the Selectmen recommend for appointment as the Town Health Officer, as provided in RSA 128:1, only individuals who are residents and taxpayers of the Town of Grafton." (by petition).

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"To see if the Town will vote to request that the Selectmen recommend for appointment as the Town Health Officer, as provided in RSA 128:1, only individuals who are residents and taxpayers of the Town of Grafton." (by petition).)**

22. "In order to reduce Grafton property taxes, are you in favor of requiring the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to reduce town spending and property taxes by 10% of the current town budget for each of the next three fiscal years?" (by petition).

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"In order to reduce Grafton property taxes, are you in favor of requesting the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to reduce town spending and property taxes by 10% of the current town budget for each of the next three fiscal years?" (by petition).)**

23. "Are you in favor of requiring that each warrant article which appears on the ballot requesting or requiring either additional or reduced spending from the previous year's town budget, disclose the impact of such additional or reduced spending by disclosing on the ballot the money amount that property taxes in Grafton will either increase or decrease per \$1,000 of assessed value, based upon the previous year's tax rate, if the warrant article is approved?" (by petition).
24. "To see if the Town will pass an ordinance that shall be known as "The Grafton United Nations Free Zone Act". The purpose of this Act is to establish the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire as a United Nations free zone in that the United Nations is prohibited within the Town limits and that citizens are sovereign from the jurisdiction of the United Nations. To maintain and preserve the Supreme Law of the Land as set forth in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and of these United States of America to the benefit of the people of the Town of Grafton, include but not limited to, the freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition, and the right to bear arms, to trial by jury, to the privilege against self incrimination and to the common law writ of habeas corpus. To protect the citizens of the Town of Grafton from taxation without representation, by forbidding the implementation within the town limits of any tax, levy, fee, assessment, surcharge, or any other financial imposition by the United Nations." (by petition.)

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**"To see if the Town will pass an ordinance that shall be known as "The Grafton United Nations Free Zone Act". The purpose of this Act is to establish the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire as a United Nations free zone in that the United Nations is prohibited within the Town limits and that citizens are sovereign from the jurisdiction of the United Nations. To maintain and preserve the Supreme Law of the Land as set forth in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and for these United States of America to the benefit of the people of the Town of Grafton, include but not limited to, the freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition, and the right to bear arms, to trial by jury, to the privilege against self incrimination and to the common law writ of habeas corpus. To protect the citizens of the**



**Town of Grafton from taxation without representation, by forbidding the implementation within the town limits of any tax, levy, fee, assessment, surcharge, or any other financial imposition by the United Nations.” (by petition.)**

25. “To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Warrant Article #24, and resulting ordinance, of the Town Meeting of 1994, this prohibits the possession or consumption of open containers of alcoholic beverages on town property.” (by petition).

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**“To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Warrant Article #24 of the Town Meeting of 1994, and the resulting ordinance, which prohibits the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages and/or the consumption of same on Town property.” (by petition).**

26. “To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:  
Resolved: We the citizens of Grafton, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.” (by petition).

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**“To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:**

**Resolved: We the citizens of Grafton, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who have increased State spending 17% in the last budget perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reduce the irresponsible spending in Concord, which will lower property tax burden for the residents of NH.” (by petition).**

27. “To see if the Town will vote to amend Article #26 of the 1987 Annual Town Meeting, the intent being to reclassify a portion of Gifford Hill Road, now known as Wyman Road, from a Class VI highway, from the point at the intersection of Brock Hill Road and Gifford Hill Roads and running in a southeasterly direction to a point approximately 2,640 feet. Shown on Grafton Tax Map #7. The intent being to leave the long remaining portion of Wyman Road as a Class VI highway. The remaining Class VI highway portion of Wyman Road would end to where it meets Wild Meadow Road at the point approximately 700 feet southwest of Golden Valley Road as shown on Grafton Tax Maps #7 and #8. (RSA 231:22a) (RSA 39:3)” (by petition).

**(Amended at Deliberative Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**“To see if the Town will vote to amend Article #26 of the 1987 Annual Town Meeting, the intent being to reclassify a portion of Gifford Hill Road, now known as Wyman Road, from a Class VI highway, from the point at the intersection of Brock Hill Road and Gifford Hill Roads and running in a southeasterly direction to a point approximately 2,640 feet; and provided that the roadway is first improved to the satisfaction of the road agent, per town road standards, at the sole expense of the abutters, which costs shall be charged to them through betterment assessments made under NH RSA 231:28-33. Shown on Grafton Tax Map #7. The intent being to leave the long remaining portion of Wyman Road as a Class VI highway. The remaining Class VI highway portion of Wyman Road would end to where it meets Wild Meadow Road at the point approximately 700 feet southwest of Golden Valley Road as shown on Grafton Tax Maps #7 and #8. (RSA 231:22a) (RSA 39:3)” (by petition).**

Given under our hands and seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2008.

Stephen Darrow

Jennie Joyce

Dorothy Campbell

A true copy of Warrant-Attest



**Budget of the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire  
Budget for Towns Which Have Adopted the Provisions of the Municipal Budget Law**

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3, V)	Appropriation Prior Year	Actual Expenditure	Selectmen's Appropriation Recommendation	Selectmen's Appropriation Not Recommended	Budget Committee Appropriation Recommendation	Budget Committee Not Recommended
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
Executive	\$41,439	\$47,887	\$41,439		\$44,840	
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	25,065	24,485	31,430		31,430	
Financial Administration	16,000	18,815	19,970		27,470	
Revaluation of Property	28,000	27,986	28,000		28,000	
Legal Expense	10,000	2,064	10,000		10,000	
Personnel Administration (FICA)	20,900	22,008	23,900		23,900	
Planning and Zoning	1,600	1,350	2,000		2,000	
General Government Buildings	39,245	38,967	45,245		46,845	
Cemeteries	7,000	6,325	7,000		3,000	4,000
Insurance	84,000	64,828	84,000		79,000	5,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,300	3,747	2,500	1,247	2,500	
Contingency	2,000	1,511	2,000		2,000	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
Police	92,866	87,300	98,877		96,244	2,633
Ambulance	11,566	11,390	20,325	590	19,735	590
Fire	18,630	17,742	18,514		17,514	1,000
Emergency Management	100	100	3,000		3,000	
Fire Warden	1,000	1,159	1,000		600	400
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>						
Highway and Streets	319,547	328,635	324,901		324,560	341
Street Lighting	3,600	2,489	3,000		3,000	
<b>SANITATION</b>						
Solid Waste	118,300	106,026	119,050		119,050	
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>						
Health Officer	400	400	400		400	
Health Agencies	7,620	7,625	11,515		11,515	
Public Assistance	12,000	15,254	15,000		18,000	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
Parks & Recreation	7,000	8,004	7,000		7,000	

Library	5,175	5,462	5,528		5,528	
Patriotic Purposes	300	0	300		300	
Old Home Day	300	0	300		300	
DEBT SERVICE						
TAN (tax anticipation note)	20,000	20,896	20,000		20,000	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$896,553</b>	<b>\$872,455</b>	<b>\$946,194</b>	<b>\$15,501</b>	<b>\$947,731</b>	<b>\$13,564</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES OUT						
To Capital Reserve Fund	135,500	135,500	218,250		218,250	
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
Fire Apparatus	30,000	30,000	20,000		20,000	
Highway Equipment Fund	40,000	40,000	30,000		30,000	
Bridge Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	
Police Vehicle Fund	7,000	7,000	5,000		5,000	
New Ambulance Fund	20,000	20,000	10,000		10,000	
Records Storage Vault Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	
Veterans' Park Fund	1,000	1,000	0		0	
Town Hall Repairs	3,000	3,000	0		0	
Library Improvements	2,500	2,500	2,500		2,500	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$135,500</b>	<b>\$135,500</b>	<b>\$99,500</b>		<b>\$99,500</b>	
BREAKDOWN OF INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
Road Repaving Project	100,000	79,000	50,000		0	50,000
New Ambulance Fund	96,000	96,000	0		0	
Fire Apparatus Fund	100,500	100,837	0		0	
Ambulance Monoxide Detector	0	0	3,500		3,500	
Police Chief Raise	0	0	5,000		4,144	856
Road Agent Raise	0	0	5,000		4,195	805
Recycling Article	0	0	118,750		118,750	
Treasurer Raise	0	0	1,000		1,000	
Highway Equipment Fund	29,110	29,110	0		0	
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$325,610</b>	<b>\$325,610</b>	<b>\$183,250</b>		<b>\$131,589</b>	<b>\$51,661</b>
<b>* Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,327,663</b>	<b>\$1,333,565</b>	<b>\$1,228,944</b>	<b>\$15,501</b>	<b>\$1,178,820</b>	<b>\$65,225</b>



## Revised Estimated Revenues

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues <u>Prior Year</u>	Actual Revenues <u>Prior Year</u>	Estimated Revenues <u>Ensuing Year</u>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Land Use Taxes	6,010	4,500	5,000
Resident Taxes			
Timber Taxes	10,000	23,000	23,500
Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
Other Taxes (over payments)			
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	20,000	25,000	25,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	100	150	150
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	175,000	170,960	175,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,500	5,000	5,000
<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	0	587,194	0
FEMA			
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
Shared Revenues	4,872	4,872	5,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	46,560	51,916	52,000
Highway Block Grant	120,640	98,804	128,138
Housing & Community Development	425	250	200
Other (Gas Tax)			
<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>			
Dump Rental (Town of Orange)	500	575	575
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	13,550	2,000	2,000
Interest on Investments	2,100	2,000	1,800
Refunds	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING</b>			
<b>TRANSFERS IN</b>			
Capital Reserve	22,000	228,500	0
From Trust & Agency Funds			
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED</b>	<b>\$ 427,257</b>	<b>* \$ 1,205,721</b>	<b>\$ 424,363</b>
<b>REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			
<b>UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$168,011</b>	
<b>REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>	

\* Includes FEMA monies.

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION**  
**Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2007**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	\$41,439.
Elections/Town Clerk	25,065.
Financial Administration	16,000.
Reappraisal of Property	28,000.
Legal Expenses	10,000.
FICA & Medicare	20,900.
Planning Board	1,600.
General Government Buildings	39,245.
Cemeteries	7,000.
Insurance	84,000.
Advertising and Regional Dues	3,300.
Contingency	2,000.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	92,866.
Ambulance	11,566.
Fire Department	18,630.
Emergency Management	100.
Forest Fire Warden/Dry Hydrants	1,000.

**HIGHWAYS AND STREETS**

Highways Department	319,547.
Street Lights	3,600.

**SANITATION**

Solid Waste	118,300.
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**HEALTH**

Health Department	400.
Mascoma Home Health	7,220.

**WELFARE**

General Assistance	12,000.
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**CULTURE & RECREATION**

Parks & Recreation	7,000.
Library	5,175.
Patriotic Purposes/Veterans' Memorial	300.
Old Home Day	300.

**DEBT SERVICE**

Interest on TAN (tax anticipation note)	20,000.
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**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	226,500.
Building Improvements	0.

**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

To Capital Reserve Fund	135,500.
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***Total Appropriations      \$1,258,553.***



**Department of Revenue Administration  
2007 Tax Rate Calculation  
TOWN/CITY: GRAFTON**

Gross Appropriations	1,373,553.
Less: Revenues	630,567.
Less: Shared Revenues	4,976.
Add: Overlay	9,902.
War Service Credits	53,500.

Net Town Appropriation	801,412.
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	801,412.	<b>Town Rate</b>
		<b>6.32</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. – Revenue	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,211,773.
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(715,453.)
State Education Taxes	(277,000.)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,219,320.	<b>Local School Rate</b>
		<b>9.61</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	2.24	
123,660,625.		277,000.
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<b>State School Rate</b>
125,510,424.		<b>2.21</b>
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →	0	

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	162,889.	
Less: Shared Revenues	(748.)	
Approved County Tax Effort	162,141.	<b>County Rate</b>
		<b>1.28</b>

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,459,873.	<b>Total 2007 Tax Rate</b>
Less: War Service Credits	(53,500.)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0.	
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,406,373.	

**PROOF OF RATE**

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.21	277,000
All Other Taxes	17.21	2,182,873.
		2,459,873.

**General Fund Balance Sheet**  
**Grafton, New Hampshire**  
**As of December 31, 2006**

A.	Assets	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	a. Cash and equivalents	\$661,686.	\$953,439.
	b. Taxes receivable	282,907.	352,834.
	c. Tax liens receivable	143,638.	155,106.
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,090,134.</b>	<b>\$1,464,337.</b>
B.	Liabilities and Fund Equity		
	a. Warrants and accounts payable	\$62,673.	\$14,323.
	b. Due to school districts	620,096.	767,003.
	c. Notes payable-Current	0.	490,000.
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$682,769.</b>	<b>\$1,271,326.</b>
	<b>Fund Equity</b>		
	Reserve for encumbrances	\$0.	25,000.
	Unreserved fund balance	407,365.	168,011.
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$1,090,134.</b>	<b>\$1,464,337.</b>

**Summary Inventory of Valuation**  
**MS-1 for the Year 2007**  
**Assessed Totals Valuation**

**Value of Land Only**

Current Use (8,986.81 acres)	\$1,746,424.
Residential Land (16,817.44 acres)	44,125,100.
Commercial (95.84 acres)	424,000.
<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>\$46,295,524.</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (373.05 acres)	1,323,200.

**Value of Buildings Only**

Residential	\$70,439,282.
Manufactured	8,277,352.
Commercial	913,266.
<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>\$79,629,900.</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	1,477,100.
Public Utilities (Electric)	1,305,100.
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	<b>\$127,230,524.</b>
Elderly Exemptions (17)	265,000.
Disabled Exemptions (15)	150,000.
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	<b>415,000.</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed</b>	<b>\$126,815,524.</b>
<b>Less Public Utilities</b>	<b>1,305,100.</b>
<b>Net Valuation Without Utilities on Which</b>	
<b>Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed</b>	<b>\$125,510,424.</b>



**STATEWIDE ENHANCED EDUCATION TAX  
WARRANT  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2008**

December 3, 2007

To the Selectmen or Assessors of **GRAFTON**

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 76:8, you are hereby required to assess the sum of **\$270,779** for the 2006 Statewide Enhanced Education Tax. Per RSA 76:3, this amount is based on a uniform rate of \$2.140/1000 of the 2006 equalized valuation without utilities in the amount of **\$126,532,346**.

*Barbara J. Robinson*, Director, Municipal Services  
State of New Hampshire  
Department of Revenue Administration

**Town Clerk's Report 2007**

Auto Registration	\$170,960.70
Birth Certificates	36.00
Death Certificates	96.00
Dog Licenses	1,256.00
Dog Penalties	0.00
Filing Fees (Election)	19.00
Marriage Licenses (copy)	96.00
Marriage Licenses	405.00
Overpayments	18.00
Pole Petitions	0.00
Refund State of New Hampshire	18.00
Searches	10.00
State Fee's	2,201.00
Titles	648.00
UCC pages	10.00
UCC's	255.00
Wetland Permits	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 176,028.70</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Mary H. McDow*, Town Clerk

**Treasurer' s Report**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

**Received from *Tax Collector*:**

Property Tax 2007	\$1,098,872.86
Property Tax 2006	328,234.18
Property Tax Interest 2006	14,418.33
Property Tax 2005	41,965.51
Property Tax Interest 2005	4,973.93
Property Tax 2004	19,700.31
Property Tax Interest 2004	7,173.50
Property Tax 2003	13,421.66
Property Tax Interest 2003	8,398.78
Property Tax 2002	2,534.42
Property Tax Interest 2002	2,022.23
Property Tax 2001	526.86
Property Tax Interest 2001	674.04
Yield Tax	13,527.97
Current Use Tax	6,610.00
Excavation Tax	57.60
Current Use Fee	12.39
Overpayments	754.30
Fees & Cost	3,065.50
Taxes (No breakdowns from Tax Collector)	72,437.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,639,441.86</b>

***Town Clerk:***

Auto Permits	\$170,860.68
Birth Certificates	36.00
Death Certificates	96.00
Dog Licenses	1,331.00
Filing Fees	9.00
Marriage Licenses	405.00
Marriage Licenses (copy)	96.00



Recount	10.00
Refund State of NH	18.00
State Fees	2,201.00
Titles Autos	648.00
UCC' s	180.00
UCC' s Search	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$175,900.68</b>

***Selectmen:***

Permits and Fees	\$2,211.30
Perpetual Care	450.00
Refunds	4,378.43
Sale of History books	315.00
Sale of Town Property	910.52
Sale of Town Property Solid Waste	1,419.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,685.13</b>

***State of New Hampshire:***

FEMA 2006	\$7,836.19
FEMA 2007	587,193.31
Highway Block Grant	119,004.01
Refund-Gas Tax	109.78
Revenue Sharing	10,596.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	51,915.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$776,655.05</b>

***Trustees of the Trust Funds:***

Fire Rescue Truck	\$100,500.00
New Ambulance	92,380.60
Highway Truck	29,110.00
Solid Waste	241,247.85
Landfill Closure Solid Waste	504.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$463,742.45</b>

***Treasurer:***

Transfer Money Market	\$1,010,203.01
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Checking Account Interest	210.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,010,413.57</b>

**Received From:**

Balance January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007	\$844,506.66
Tax Collector	1,639,441.86
Town Clerk	175,900.68
Selectmen	9,685.13
State of New Hampshire	776,655.05
Trustees of the Trust Funds	463,742.45
Treasurer	1,110,413.57
ISF Checks	(50.00)
Check Made Out Wrong	(462.37)
Total Receipts for December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2007	\$5,019,833.03
Less Selectmen' s Orders Paid	(4,743,262.62)
<b>Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$276,570.41</b>

**Treasurer' s Report**  
**Money Market Account**

<b>Balance January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$108,932.27</b>
Tan Loan (Tax Anticipation Note)	1,000,000.00
Interest Earned	2,483.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,111,415.86</b>
Transfer to Checking Account	1,010,203.01
<b>Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$1,212.85</b>

**Treasurer' s Report**  
**Parks & Recreation, Planning Board, Bandstand**  
**& Tot Yard Equipment Accounts**

**Payments:**

Cote& Reney Lumber for Bandstand	\$1,007.13
Darryl Joyce Building Bandstand	470.87



John Dell' Erba Band for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	500.00
Gary Puleo Band for Old Home Day	300.00
Soo' s Circus 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	350.00
Canaan Hardware Paint	25.99
Pamela Grinley Easter & Halloween Items	76.86
Edward Grinley 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Items	169.49
Grafton Country Store 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Items	124.92
Cash 4 <sup>th</sup> of July & old Home Day	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,225.26</b>

<b>Balance January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$3,131.65</b>
Bandstand Money	1,478.00
Tot Yard Money	750.00
Planning Board Money	122.95
<b>Deposit Proceeds From:</b>	
Donations 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	\$50.00
Rabies Clinic	260.00
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	1,311.00
Old Home Day Celebration	210.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,313.60</b>

<b>Payments</b>	<b>3,225.26</b>
<b>Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$4,088.34</b>

<b>Balance Recreation Accountant</b>	<b>\$3,2150.39</b>
<b>Balance Band Stand Account</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance Tot Yard Equipment</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Planning Board Account</b>	<b>122.95</b>
<b>Total all Accounts</b>	<b>\$4,088.34</b>

## Solid Waste Checking

Opened April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Deposits 2006 Money	\$16,490.07
Deposits Sale of Property	13,637.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,127.49</b>

### **Payments:**

Darryl Joyce (Rainman Carpentry)	\$15,121.00
Town of Grafton	1,221.85
Carroll Concrete	1,802.00
Wesley Joyce	50.68
Vincent McDow	25.00
Mascoma Bank Checks	21.65
<b>Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$18,885.31</b>

*June Burrington, Treasurer*



**Detailed Report of Expenditures  
By Department  
2007**

**Advertising and Regional Dues**

Eagle Publications	Advertisements	\$210.00
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	2007 Appropriation	680.00
NALBOH	Health Officer Dues	120.00
NASASP	Surplus Property Dues	39.00
NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials	2007 Dues	20.00
NH Assoc. of Chiefs	Police Chief Dues	100.00
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc.	Town Clerk Dues	40.00
NH Login	Town Clerk Dues	30.00
NH Motor Transport Association	Highway Drug Testing Program	80.00
NH Road Agent Association	Road Agent Dues	20.00
NH Tax Collector's Assoc.	Tax Collector Dues	20.00
NHMA	Membership Dues	20.00
NHPWMAP	Road Agent Dues	25.00
NHPWSTC	Road Agent Dues	50.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc.	Recycling Dues	100.00
UVRESA	Fire Chief Dues	100.00
West Central Behavioral Health	2007 Appropriation	1,320.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,853.43</b>

**Aflac**

Aflac	Highway Insurance	\$3,255.92
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,255.92</b>

**Ambulance**

Ali Kenyon	Training Reimbursement	\$100.00
Armstrong Medical Supplies	Supplies	127.57
Becker Training Association	EMT Training	600.00
Bound Tree	Medical Supplies	1,701.82
Dartmouth Medical	EMT Training	60.00
Dorothy Ernst	Supplies Reimbursement	1,016.32
EMS District A6	EMT Training	120.00
Evans Group Inc.	Fuel	18.09
Frank's Services	Repairs	356.75
Gerald Macy	Antenna Repair	82.45
John Babiarz	Supplies Reimbursement	60.00
Karen Meyers	Training Reimbursement	350.00
Merriam Graves	Supplies	1,288.93
New London Hospital	EMT Training	400.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	Supplies	8.21
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rent	36.00
Rich Blair	Training Reimbursement	342.00
Sandi Pierson	Misc. Supplies	128.43
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	118.71
State of New Hampshire	Record Check	15.00
Town of Danbury	Training Class	550.00
Town of Hanover	Dispatch Fees	1,681.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 11,390.38</b>

## **Cemeteries**

Canaan Hardware	Supplies	638.97
Edward Grinley	Salary	300.00
Glenn Sliker	Wages	1,244.13
Glenn Sliker	Misc. Reimbursement	110.49
Joseph Brown	Wages	1,211.77
Joshua Flad	Wages	166.50
Scott Smith	Wages	715.00
Shirley Dodge	Wages	1,221.01
Travis Gallup	Wages	642.89
Virginia Sliker	Wages	74.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,324.76</b>

## **Contingency**

Dell Marketing	Town Clerk Computer	1,510.51
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,510.51</b>

## **County Tax**

Grafton County	County Taxes	162,889.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 162,889.00</b>

## **Election/Town Clerk**

BMSI	Town Clerk Software	3,802.00
Bonnie Haubrich	Moderator Wages	120.00
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	3.00
Certified Computer Solutions	Computer Repair	569.86
Charleston Town Clerk	Conference	70.00
Cherie Caputo	Deputy Town Clerk Fees	3,259.75
Cherie Caputo	Mileage Reimbursement	66.80
Cherie Caputo	Deputy Town Clerk Salary	500.00
CPI Printing Service	Receipt Books	66.64
Darlene Bailey	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Elizabeth Davison	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Grafton Country Store	Supplies	4.49
Hughes Network Systems	Internet Service	1,419.87
J P Cooke Company	Supplies	50.00
Karel Pluhar	Ballot Clerk	50.00
LHS Associates	Ballots	2,185.57
Local Government Center	Workshop	20.00
Louise Gallup	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Marguerite Conley	Supervisor Chk List Wages	162.05
Mary McDow	Town Clerk Fees	5,295.75
Mary McDow	Misc. Reimbursement	241.02
Mary McDow	Town Clerk Salary	3,350.00
Mary Warren	Supervisor Chk List Wages	190.80
Mary Warren	Reimbursement Supplies	200.69
Myrtle Cooper	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Pamela Curran	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Postmaster of Grafton	Postage	350.00
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rent	38.00
Rosalie Babiarz	Supervisor Chk List Wages	87.38
Sandi Pierson	Deliberative Session Minutes	144.00



Sondik Supply Company	Supplies	504.86
Stamp Fulfillment	Pre Stamped Envelopes	236.60
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	791.02
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Vital Records	440.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 24,484.94</b>

#### Emergency Management

John Knott	Health Officer Salary	100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>

#### Executive

Associated Supplies	Dell Ink Cartridges	381.56
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	12.00
Dorothy Campbell	Selectmen Salary	2,000.00
Eagle Publications	Advertisements	200.00
Fedex Kinko's	Town Report	3,965.75
G. Neil	Labor Law Posters	56.65
Jennie Joyce	Selectmen Salary	2,000.00
Jennie Joyce	Admin. Asst. Wages	1,471.54
Kelli Morton	Admin. Asst. Wages	31,619.49
Kelli Morton	Postage Reimbursement	43.96
Lexis Nexis	NH RSA's	344.43
Maureen O'Reilly	Copies Reimbursement	81.41
Postmaster of Grafton	Postage	807.11
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rent	96.00
Real Data Corp.	Real Estate Index	20.00
Sandi Pierson	Selectmen's Minutes	813.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	1,978.86
Stephen Darrow	Selectmen Salary	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 47,886.80</b>

#### FEMA 2005

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Bailey Bridge Rental	3,600.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,600.00</b>

#### FEMA 2006

Carl Matthews Equipment	Repairs	727.22
Douglas Dimond	FEMA Wages	335.75
Frank's Services	Bulldozer Rental/Gravel Work	13,900.00
Jason Hatch	Chipper Rental	1,225.00
Jason Joyce	FEMA Wages	304.50
Paul Jalbert	FEMA Wages	115.68
Philip Flad	FEMA Wages	370.00
Travis Gallup	FEMA Wages	1,000.00
Wild Meadow Auto Body	Repairs	1,700.00
William Bucklin Jr.	FEMA Wages	172.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 19,850.65</b>

**FEMA 2007**

All State Asphalt Inc.	Gravel	3,938.60
Beltronics Inc.	Radios	758.00
Brewster Gove	FEMA Wages	84.50
Carl Matthews Equipment	Repairs	10,940.00
Circle 3 Sand & Gravel	Sand	231,390.17
Dennis Hill	FEMA Wages	1,813.50
Don Crate Excavating	Gravel/Trucking	15,012.00
Douglas Dimond	FEMA Wages	2,420.61
Douglas Dimond	Backhoe Work	11,693.00
Evans Tree Service	Tree Service/Chipper Rental	13,750.00
Ferguson Waterworks	Supplies	4,499.06
Frank's Services	Trucking/Road Repairs	30,995.00
Glenn Gallup	FEMA Wages	458.25
Grafton Country Store	Miscellaneous	54.55
Granite Woods Custom Carpentry	Tractor Work	377.44
JAF Industries, Inc.	Supplies	8,284.00
James Martin	FEMA Wages	6,006.00
Jason Hatch	Chipper Rental	840.00
Jason Joyce	FEMA Wages	7,268.63
June Burrington	FEMA Wages	1,200.00
Keith Sliker	FEMA Wages	630.50
Nature Scapes	Flood Road Work	880.00
Owens Leasing Co.,LLC	Boom Mower	3,240.00
Paul Jalbert	FEMA Wages	3,783.56
Philip Flad	FEMA Wages	868.88
Pike Industires	Paving	20,701.45
R J Huber Construction	Hauling	4,200.00
Razor Hill Excavation	Hauling, Grading	85,304.50
Richard Remacle Construction	Trucking	870.00
Ruel Sweeping Service	Sweeping	3,412.50
Timothy Lewis	Blocks	630.00
Travis Gallup	FEMA Wages	404.25
Wild Meadow Auto Body	Repairs	2,800.00
William Bucklin, Jr.	FEMA Wages	1,080.00

**Total** **\$ 462,690.14**

**FICA**

Internal Revenue Service	FICA Payments	32,661.59
Mascoma Savings Bank	FICA Payments	39,587.79

**Total** **\$ 72,249.38**

**Financial Administration**

Brenda Perkins	TTF Salary	300.00
Catherine Mulholland	TTF Salary	300.00
CPI Printing Service	Receipt Books	66.84
Hampshire Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Inspection	30.00
Janet Duefield	Fees	2,648.00
Janet Duefield	Mileage Reimbursements	173.50
Janet Duefield	Salary	2,500.00
June Burrington	Supply Reimbursement	352.38
June Burrington	Salary	4,000.00
Keary Morse	TTF Salary	300.00
Kelli Morton	Town Report Preparation	1,200.00
Local Government Center	Town & City/Workshop	123.00
Margaret Emslie	Town Auditor	300.00



Margaret Emslie	Supply Reimbursement	16.74
Mary Warren	Supply Reimbursement	188.45
Mascoma Savings Bank	Stamp For Tax Collector	21.95
McBee Systems Inc.	Journal Sheets, Treasurer	137.85
NH Tax Collector's Association	Conferences	253.12
Pamela Curran	Town Auditor	300.00
Pamela Curran	Supply Reimbursement	25.13
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Yearly Contract	100.00
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rental	38.00
Postmaster of Grafton	Postage	567.58
Quill Corporation	Tax Bill Paper	52.45
Registry of Deeds	Recording Fees	1,284.27
Safflower's	Flowers	80.00
Sandi Pierson	Budget Committee Minutes	177.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	2,329.83
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Civil Penalty	450.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Tax Collector Workshop	40.00
United States Treasury	Penalty & Interest	13.80
United States Postal Service	Tax Collector Envelopes	468.60
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 13,184.51</b>

#### Fire Department

1 <sup>st</sup> Responder	1 year Subscription	75.00
Brownies	Supplies	72.21
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	77.10
Central Supply	Supplies	1,264.89
Christopher Williams	Misc. Reimbursements	2,064.72
Firehouse	1 year Subscription	30.00
Frank's Services	Repairs	420.00
Frontline Fire & Rescue Equipment	Misc. Supplies	6,896.60
Gerald Macy	Radio Repair	80.00
Grafton Country Store	Supplies	75.68
Hampshire Fire Protection	Extinguisher Recharge	42.00
John Babiarz	Misc. Reimbursements	3,747.54
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rental	26.00
R P Johnson & Son	Supplies	71.85
Sabil & Sons	Supplies	73.68
The Fire Barn	Supplies	1,204.00
Town of Hanover	Dispatch Fees	1,300.00
Vincent McDow	Training Car	50.00
W S Darely Company	Supplies	590.90
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 17,742.17</b>

#### Forest Fire Warden

Kenneth Cushing	Mileage Reimbursement	85.88
Kenneth Cushing	Wages	305.00
Sean Frost	Mileage Reimbursement	253.09
Sean Frost	Wages	515.45
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,159.42</b>

#### General Assistance

Case #1	Rent	1,128.00
Case #2	Rent	1,000.00
Case #3	Rent	700.00

Case #4	Rent	1,090.00
Case #5	Rent	1,400.00
Case #6	Rent	2,100.00
Case #7	Electric Bill	687.85
Case #8	Food	121.15
Case #9	Rent	1,575.00
Case #10	Electric Bill	310.49
Case #11	Rent	850.00
Case #12	Oil Bill/Rent	1,442.41
Case #13	Oil Bill	121.15
Case #14	Oil Bill	331.90
Case #15	Rent	500.00
Case #16	Prescription	212.84
Case #17	Food/Gas	109.92
Marian Morse	Salary	1,500.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	9.98

**Total** **\$ 15,254.02**

#### **General Government Buildings**

Canaan Hardware	Supplies	70.56
Central Supply	Supplies	77.12
Dale Hammond Heating	Repairs	101.00
Dead River	Propane	2,771.09
Edward Grinley	Mowing/Trash Contract	1,950.00
Fred Fuller Oil Company	Oil Pre-Buy	10,345.50
Hampshire Fire Protection	Extinguisher Inspections	429.50
Hughes Network Systems	Satellite Contract	999.90
Jason Joyce	Wages	73.50
John Babiarz	Misc. Reimbursements	286.88
Louise Gallup	Misc. Reimbursements	178.63
Louise Gallup	Salary	300.00
Louise Gallup	Snow Removal	165.00
Mary McDow	Toilet Reimbursement	65.17
Michelle Joyce	Cleaning	904.69
PSNH	Electric Bills	9,834.42
PSNH	Street Lights	2,010.50
R P Johnson & Son	Supplies	25.68
Rainman Construction	Misc. Repairs	2,032.41
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	334.22
Stephen Darrow	Satellite Reimbursement	209.98
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Boiler Inspections	200.00
Verizon	Phone Bills	7,771.33

**Total** **\$ 38,967.40**

#### **Hazard Mitigation 2003**

Beltronics Inc.	Radio, Health Officer	644.00
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**Total** **\$ 644.00**

#### **Health Agencies**

Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	2007 Appropriation	220.00
Senior Citizens Council	2007 Appropriation	2,000.00
Visiting Nurses Alliance	2007 Appropriation	5,000.00

**Total** **\$7,220.00**



## Health Department

John Knott Jr.	Salary	400.00
Kelli Morton	Postage Reimbursement	4.96
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 404.96</b>

## Health Insurance

Health Trust	Employee Insurance	28,972.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 28,972.32</b>

## Highway Department

Air-Flow Manufacturing Co.	Repair Gate	346.04
Airgas East	Lease	294.60
Alan's Signs	Truck Signs	160.00
American Rock Salt Company	Bulk Ice Control Salt	5,598.18
Atlantic Broom	Supplies	455.14
B B Chain Inc.	Supplies	1,968.78
Barker Steel Company	Supplies	304.00
Beltronics Inc.	Radio, Repairs	1,840.00
Brownie's	Parts	807.96
Camerota Truck Parts	Parts	1,725.00
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	2,441.74
Cargill Inc.	Bulk Ice Melt	1,315.25
Charlie Brown's	Parts	18.40
Choicepoint	Drug Testing	188.00
Circle 3 Sand & Gravel	Sand & Gravel	28,901.35
Dale Hammond Heating	Repairs	815.60
Dennis Hill	Wages	7,678.40
Don Crate Excavating	Gravel	1,344.00
Don's Sport & Power	Supplies	1,072.36
Douglas Dimond	Wages	30,001.38
E W Sleeper	Sander	5,954.29
Edward Benham	Repairs	850.00
Enfield Hardware	Supplies	15.32
Evans Motor Fuels	Fuel	30,975.32
F W Webb Company	Parts	263.48
Ferguson Waterworks	Supplies	311.05
Flanders & Patch	Supplies	128.90
Frank's Services	Repairs	18,049.62
Frederick Duefield	Mileage Reimbursements	157.69
Frederick Duefield	Salary	34,564.48
Freightliner	Supplies	7,062.15
Gateway	Parts	856.73
Glenn Gallup	Wages	11,209.12
Grafton Country Store	Supplies	996.06
Granite State Glass	Repair	175.43
Green Seal Corp.	Supplies	759.50
Hirsch's	Boots	98.98
HOP Sales & Service	Supplies	1,308.90
Housatonic Welding Co.	Supplies	23.50
Howard P Fairfield	Parts	7,004.96
Hubert's Department	Boots	100.00
Hurley Electric	Parts	112.50
J M Welding and Diesel	Repairs	1,300.00
James Martin	Wages	2,328.38
Jason Joyce	Wages	5,180.63
Jordan Equipment	Parts	2,270.97

Keith Sliker	Wages	533.00
Kibby Equipment	Supplies	1,055.63
Labine's Auto Parts	Parts	928.19
M J Hayward	Supplies	180.00
Munce's Lubricants	Supplies	1,221.34
NH Labor Law	Posters	67.25
NH Retirement System	Retirement Contribution	3,680.13
Occupational	DOT Physicals	221.60
Overhead Door Company	Repairs	910.50
Patriot Fuels Inc.	Repairs	1,260.29
Paul Jalbert	Wages	33,661.22
Pete's Tire Barn	Tires	4,073.28
Philip Flad	Wages	6,753.50
Pike Industries	Paving	766.70
Powerplan	Repairs	24,663.02
R P Johnson & Son	Supplies	85.97
Race Metalsmiths	End Yoke Repair	161.91
Richard Blair	Mailbox Replacement	14.96
Roger Burnham	Beaver Removal	660.00
S G Reed Truck Service	Repairs, Towing	10,763.84
Sabil & Sons	Parts	4,411.92
Smith River Trading Post	Supplies	28.00
Snowplow Sales, Inc.	Supplies	299.60
Solutions	Repairs	2,128.00
Sondik Supply Company	Supplies	130.57
SOS Metal Products	Supplies	997.79
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	836.49
Tenco New England Co.	Repairs	2,279.78
TMC, Inc.	Supplies	254.88
Travis Gallup	Wages	831.50
Twin State Welding	Supplies	437.51
UniFirst Corporation	Uniforms	3,476.62
University of New Hampshire	Courses	420.00
William Bucklin, Jr.	Wages	1,237.50

**Total** **\$ 328,635.48**

#### **Interest on TAN**

Mascoma Savings Bank	Interest	20,896.57
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**Total** **\$ 20,896.57**

#### **Legal Expenses**

Donald Koury	Legal Fees	176.00
Mitchell & Bates	Legal Fees	1,887.76

**Total** **\$ 2,063.76**

#### **Library**

Grafton Free Public Library	Book Reimbursement	649.72
Jessie Wilson	Wages	309.38
Myrtle Cooper	Wages	2,490.71
Roger Lavoie	Chimney Repair	2,050.00
Sharon Duffy	Wages	12.38

**Total** **\$ 5,462.19**

## Old Home Day

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
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## Parks & Recreation

Canaan Hardware	Supplies	25.99
Edward Grinley	Trash/Mowing Contract	1,950.00
NH DES	Kilton Pond Testing	106.00
Rainman Construction	Bandstand	657.13
Ron Ferguson	Portable Toilets	765.00
Telestar Display Fireworks	Fireworks	4,500.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,004.12</b>
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## Patriotic Purposes

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
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## Planning Board

Local Government Center	Subscription	66.00
Registry of Deeds	Registrations	113.00
Sandi Pierson	Minutes	813.00
Valley News	Public Hearing Ads	358.09

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.09</b>
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## Police

Alan's Signs	Lettering on Cruiser	475.00
Andrew Ware	Firearms Training	200.00
Attorney General	Conference	260.00
Ben's Uniforms	Uniforms	809.90
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	15.77
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	Fuel	4,467.79
Crimestar	Software	250.00
David Zuger	Wages	70.00
Ellen Wilson	Wages	1,866.75
Frank's Services	Repairs	1,706.70
Galls Inc.	Supplies	158.94
Goheen Enterprises Inc.	Supplies	247.00
Grafton Country Store	Supplies	4.89
Grafton County Sheriff	Dispatch Fees	15,191.00
Grappone Auto	Repair	32.95
Hirsch's	Supplies	125.98
Kustom Signals Inc.	Supplies	78.00
Lexis Nexis	NH RSA's	681.72
Merle Kenyon	Misc. Reimbursement	70.00
Merle Kenyon	Salary	37,230.00
NH Retirement System	Retirement Contribution	3,388.00
Norman Daigneault	Wages	4,402.75
Northeast Paging	Pager Rental	174.00
Ossipee Mtn. Electronics	Supplies	291.90
Postmaster of Grafton	Box Rental	36.00
Postmaster of Grafton	Postage	41.00
Public Safety Canter	Supplies	123.75
Route 104 Auto Repair	Repairs	67.95
Skywave Safety Inc.	Outfitting New Cruiser	6,546.36
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	816.84
State of New Hampshire	Law Books	57.00



TMDE Calibration Lab	Calibrations	66.00
Town of Hanover	Prosecutor Assoc. Fees	2,675.00
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Overpayment 2006 Cruiser	2,508.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	Stray Bill	980.00
Wilson Tire	Tires	519.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 86,636.58</b>

#### Property Reappraisal 2005

Rollins Land Survey	Tax Maps	1,640.40
Vadar Systems	Contract	3,230.28
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,870.68</b>

#### Property Reappraisal

Brett Purvis & Associates	Assessing Contract	25,100.00
Patriot Properties	Contract	2,750.00
Rollins Land Survey	Tax Maps	135.75
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 27,985.75</b>

#### Recycling Efforts

ENCO	Waste Containers	232.00
Gnomon Copy	Flyers	132.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 364.00</b>

#### Refunds

Anson & Genevieve Smith	Tax Abatement	816.00
Carol Spafford-Kelley	Tax Abatement	378.00
Clayton Morgan	Overpayment of Reg.	58.56
David & Deborah Sanville	Tax Abatement	420.00
Dexter & Debra Snow	Tax Abatement	468.00
Frances Kerwin	Tax Abatement	297.00
Harry Barnes	Overpayment of Reg.	18.00
James & Danielle Pushee	Tax Abatement	645.00
James & Marilyn Holleran	Tax Abatement	191.00
Jason Sanville	Tax Abatement	777.00
Jens Thoresen	Tax Abatement	971.00
John & Rosalie Babiarz	Tax Abatement	412.00
John Cesanek	Bldg. Not. Fee	25.00
Jon & Doreen Cline	Tax Abatement	49.00
Joseph Albano	Tax Overpayment	15.00
Juliette Dupont	Tax Abatement	631.00
Kevin & Corine Reardon	Tax Abatement	376.00
Lewis & Barbara McKeon	Tax Abatement	453.00
Louis McAllister	Tax Overpayment	55.00
Mark & Candace Bagley	Bldg. Not. Fee	25.00
Martin & Joyce Martin	Tax Overpayment	9.34
Paul & Elaine Sawyer	Tax Abatement	808.00
Philip Nims	Tax Abatement	393.00
Richard & Beverly Smith	Tax Abatement	26.00
Richard & Jodi Jackson	Tax Abatement	310.00

Robert & Anna Johnson	Tax Abatement	500.00
Robert St. Clair	Tax Abatement	124.00
Ruggles Mine Inc.	Tax Abatement	2,048.00
Scott Cadreact	Tax Abatement	516.00
William & Sharon Demers	Tax Abatement	665.00
Thomas & Marilyn Seaman	Tax Abatement	253.00
Timothy Condon	Tax Abatement	366.00
Yves Nadeau	Tax Abatement	150.00

**Total** **\$ 13,248.90**

#### School Payments

Mascoma School District	School Payments	1,527,540.82
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**Total** **\$ 1,527,540.82**

#### Solid Waste

Allstate Poly	Bags	144.50
Arrow Equipment	Waste Oil Burner Service	619.00
Atlantic Leasing Corp.	Repairs	3,901.00
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	55.40
Carroll Concrete	Concrete Pad	1,602.00
City of Lebanon	Dumping Fees	16,231.84
David Roberts	Boot Reimbursement	40.35
David Roberts	Wages	9,757.38
Earth Wares	Calibration	30.00
Eastern Analytical Inc.	Repairs	3,480.00
Frank's Services	Repairs	425.00
Glenn Gallup	Wages	156.00
Grafton Country Store	Supplies	67.73
Hammond Grinding and Recycling	Demo Hauling	6,697.84
Hirsch's	Work Clothes	390.40
Horizons Engineering	Well Testing	3,399.03
J M Welding and Diesel	Repairs	180.00
James Martin	Wages	639.60
Jason Joyce	Wages	405.88
Joshua Fairbrother	Wages	2,459.60
Labine's Auto Parts	Supplies	19.32
Michael Evans	Wages	368.46
Michelle Joyce	Wages	374.40
Northeast Resource Recovery	Wire	319.75
Northeast Waste Services	Hauling	27,053.58
Paul Jalbert	Wages	403.38
Philip Flad	Wages	50.50
PRC Industrial Supply	Supplies	209.54
Provan & Lober Inc.	Supplies	50.00
Razor Hill Excavation	Hauling	160.00
Scott Smith	Wages	7,332.40
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	19.47
Timothy Lewis	Hauling	10,379.30
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	Certifications	275.00
Wesley Joyce, Sr.	Wages	9,451.40

**Total** **\$ 106,025.65**

**Street Lights**

NH Electric Co-op	Street Lights	319.01
PSNH	Street Lights	2,169.68
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,488.69</b>

**TAN (Tax Anticipation Note)**

Mascoma Savings Bank	Loan	500,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>

**Tax Sale Lien**

Tax Collector, Town of Grafton	Tax Lien 2006	95,826.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 95,826.73</b>

**Truck; Highway**

S G Reed Truck Service	2001 Freightliner	29,110.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 29,110.00</b>

**Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Trustees of the Trust Funds	Warrant Articles 2007	105,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 105,500.00</b>

**Warrant Article # 3 Road Upgrading and Paving**

Carl Matthews Equipment	Supplies	312.78
Jason Joyce	Wages	315.00
Paul Jalbert	Wages	312.78
Travis Gallup	Wages	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,940.56</b>

**Warrant Article # 4 Rescue Vehicle**

End 2 End	Outfitting	450.00
KME Fire Apparatus	Ford Chassis	130,387.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 130,837.00</b>

**Warrant Article # 8 Paving**

Pike Industries	Paving	79,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 79,000.00</b>

**Warrant Article #10 Ambulance**

Frank's Services	Winter Tires	1,032.00
Gerald Macy	Antenna	391.60
Greenwood Emergency Vehicles	New Ambulance	90,957.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 92,380.60</b>



**Warrant Article #16 Certified Public Accountant**

Mason & Rich	Accounting Services	5,135.83
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,135.83</b>

**Warrant Article 2004 Filing Cabinet**

Staples Credit Plan	2 Filing Cabinets	1,434.96
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,434.96</b>

## *Selectmen's Report* *2007*

Another year has passed in the town of Grafton. As the Greek philosopher Heraclites suggested, 'you can't step into the same stream twice'. The only constant in life is change. This is certainly true for Grafton. The change is multi-leveled. Some is generated by changes within the town, some generated by larger entities like the Mascoma School District, and by our federal, state and county governments.

Here in Grafton, 2007 brought twenty building notifications, fourteen approvals to construct septic systems and fourteen approvals to operate those systems. In 2007 there have been twenty one new current use applications approved. Some other changes include:

In 2007 the NH Bureau of Land and Tax Appeals approved the results of the *statistical update* that they ordered in 2006. The Town continues to work with Brett Purvis & Associates to complete yearly new construction, abatement applications and a 33% re-rate and re-measure of all properties. In 2007 all properties located on tax maps 1 – 11 were re-measured and re-rated. In 2008 another 33% starting with tax map 12 and moving in ascending order will be completed. The town's goal is to be fair and equitable. A representative from the Bret Purvis & Associates is available for meetings and reviews once a month. Please call the office for an appointment.

The Transfer Station always has changes. Our recycling efforts have seen tangible results. New concrete pads have been placed under the construction debris and the glass containers. In addition a new stairway leads users to safely dispose of their glass. These items were paid for out of recycling proceeds. In 2008 new roofs will be constructed over these containers to keep the water out, thus reducing the tonnage the town pays to remove them. A new set of steps for the paper will be built. The long awaited compactor will be purchased and installed with the passage of Article 14 on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The board encourages all to recycle.

Work on our roads and highway continues. In March the town purchased and added a 2001 Freightliner to the heavy truck fleet. This was done because the fleet of vehicles has become old. Our newest vehicle is a 1996 and the oldest is a 1984. In this purchase the board had to weigh the downside of a used vehicle against the upside of a newer vehicle that had significant safety improvements. The 2001 Freightliner was proudly displayed in the Independence Day parade. The board is currently weighing options on the purchase of a new 2008 vehicle.

With the April northeaster the tone was set for our highway department in 2007. The damage was extensive. The repairs to make the roads passable were made. The budget was stressed. Fortunately later in the year the town received a grant from FEMA for \$580,000 for approximately twenty-one projects in different locations around town. This amount far exceeded what the town had initially expended. With the large grant the town's budget was reimbursed and further road repairs were made. The work on these FEMA projects is ongoing in 2008. We received this grant due to the efforts of Fred Duefield and we thank Fred for his hard work.

The road re-paving project was continued in 2007. The portion of Slab City Road that had been reclaimed in 2006 is now paved. In 2008 The Select board has reduced the amount on the warrant from \$100,000 to \$50,000 for road paving projects. Our roads are a valuable asset. We feel it is imperative that we protect our investment by continuing this work. We ask you to support Article 6.

RSA 51:2 states that the lines between the towns be perambulated and the marks and bounds made new every seven years. In compliance with this RSA the line between Grafton and Enfield was walked in 2007 for the first time since 1957. The process took place over four days. It was noted by the perambulators that the weather was warm and the deerflies thick. It was observed that the lines that divide our towns are difficult to traverse and the markers are not always clearly visible.

In 2007 a new Tax Collector was appointed. After many years former tax collector, Donna Dugan, has stepped aside. The Select board wishes to thank Donna for her years of service. Janet Duefield was appointed in March 2007. New hours have been posted for her office, which is located in our municipal building. Currently all tax records are being brought into electronic format. This will make our record keeping more accurate and will bring us into compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board practices. The transfer has proven to be a tedious process. The town has engaged Vadar Systems, Inc. to work with Janet to complete this task.

In spite of what may have been reported by the elected town auditors, the town budget was NOT overspent in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, or anytime in recent memory. A meeting was held on June 26, 2007 with the Select board, the elected auditors and the State Department of Revenue Administration officer responsible for Grafton. During the meeting Bob Anderson of the DRA explained how our auditor's calculations of FICA payments were incorrect, that the expenditures made were within the budget and that the subsequent report to the state was premature. The Select board continues to work with the CPA firm of Mason & Rich for professional advice and auditing services.

The Select board takes seriously its role in the financial aspect of the town. Each year the board reviews the budget submitted by the department heads as well as the budgets for which we are responsible ( i.e. Executive, General Government Buildings). After that the budget is submitted to the budget committee for their scrutiny. This year the entire Select board attended all the Budget Committee meetings to be sure there was no mis- communications regarding our involvement in this important process.

The Board keeps a watchful eye on expenditures during the year. The object is to keep our costs low and stay within the voter approved budget. Sometimes things unforeseen and beyond our control occur. Some departments may go over budget When this happens the Board can compensate by not spending all the allocations from other departments. This is how the overall budget is maintained.

The Select board wishes to thank all involved in the volunteerism that makes our services work. When there is a fire department call or an ambulance call those who respond are volunteers. They are not paid. They are there because they want to help the community. They are committed. We thank them and stand behind them.

The Select board meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us. Our office is open Monday- Thursday 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,

***Stephen Darrow***  
*Chairman*

***Jennie Joyce***  
*Selectman*

***Dorothy Campbell***  
*Selectman*

*Board of Selectmen*  
*Town of Grafton, New Hampshire*



## Grafton Planning Board Report

To begin, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board - Catherine Mulholland, Sam Vose, Dotty Campbell, and Brian Fellers, our secretary, as well as the alternates - Brad Grange, Maureen O'Reilly, and Bob Hull. I would also like to thank Jon Thompson for his years of service on the Board, during which he served as chair and helped to steer the Board through some rocky times.

It has been a busy year for the Board. We received 9 driveway applications, approved four voluntary mergers, one annexation and one significant lot line adjustment. Most importantly, the Board reviewed six completed subdivision plans, totaling 23 subdivided lots. See the table below for a comparison of the past few years.

Year	Subdivisions	Lots Created	Merged lots	Total Change in Number of Building Lots
2005	4	5	4 into 2	+3
2006	7	17	5 into 2	+14
2007	6	23	8 into 4	+19

The Board has also begun work on revising the subdivision regulations. The first task has been to update all statutory and regulatory references so that the regulations accurately reference current RSA designations. These references have not been updated since the regulations were last updated in 1977, so there are several areas where updates were needed. The Board hopes to continue with substantive changes where necessary to reflect current needs of the town, while remaining consistent with the requirements of the master plan.

The Planning Board meets the first and third Thursdays of every month, and encourages interested residents of the town to attend.

*David Rienzo*

Chairman of the Grafton Planning Board



## ***Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Report – 2007***

March 23, 2007 was an exciting day for the department as our long-anticipated, new ambulance rolled into the station. As our old one rolled out of town that very same day, we gave it a heartfelt goodbye, thankful for its fourteen years of steadfast service to the people of Grafton. Thanks to everyone's cooperation, the new ambulance was ready for service pronto with the required medical equipment, radio installation, registration, and licensing by the State. The long day was concluded with Reverend Tom Warner offering a prayer of safety for the EMT's and for the well-being of our imminent patients. We sincerely thank the town for your support in acquiring the new ambulance.

This past year seemed to have been brimming with training and testing. Most members on the department were due for EMT recertification for both the State and National Registry. This included a 48-hour blitz of comprehensive training as well as hands-on testing with the State. We have also been required to test on NH patient protocols, National Incident Management, and nine different "transition modules" (e.g. glucometer, advanced spinal assessment, cardiac monitoring, etc.). Along with in-house training and joint trainings with Canaan and Danbury, we attended programs hosted by Littleton Hospital, DHMC, Dartmouth Air Response Team, and New London Hospital. We participated in the health fair hosted by the Mascoma Health Initiative—a successful event that was both informative and fun. A grant from Alice Peck Day Hospital was applied for and approved, including \$1075 earmarked toward training and a \$1000 worth of equipment for 2008. A million hugs to the great folks at APD!

During 2007 we responded to 135 calls, up from 114 in 2006. As always, we offer our thanks to all that assist us on these 9-1-1 calls, including the highway, police, and fire departments. Our EMS team roster remains strong, though we are always on the lookout for new members who can make a volunteer commitment. We are pleased to report that two of our EMT's, Ali Kenyon and Kathy Lund, are currently enrolled in Intermediate level EMT classes. We thank them for the additional volunteer time and energy this takes. Our officers for 2008 are: Captain: Sandi Pierson, First Lieutenant/Training Officer: John Babiarz, Second Lieutenant/Supply Officer: Dotti Ernst, and Secretary: Lex Berezhny.

Finally, a longstanding member of the ambulance department has decided to bring her EMS service to the town to a close. Jane Kenyon has served the town as an EMT for 25 years, the last eight as captain of the squad. The volunteer hours she has given to the town during this quarter of a century of service is truly incalculable. Jane, on behalf of all of the members on the squad, as well as the countless community members you cared for and comforted, we offer you our admiration and gratitude for a job well done. You have championed the volunteer spirit and Grafton is a better place because of it.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sandi Pierson*



## Grafton Ladies Auxiliary 2007

The Grafton Ladies Auxiliary is a private, self sufficient organization whose purpose is to support the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services of Grafton. That support comes in different forms such as purchasing much needed supplies and equipment, providing food, hot and cold drinks at the fire scenes, sponsoring a yearly Fire Warden's supper for other New Hampshire Fire Wardens, the yearly Firemen's Supper (with the volunteer firemen helping serve the food) and supplying refreshments at various fire and ambulance training sessions.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month April through November.

Members were busy with events which included the spring Fire Warden's supper in April, a rummage and bake sale, the annual Firemen's Supper, the annual Christmas Party for members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Department and Ambulance Squad and also providing refreshments at fire scenes and training sessions.

The taxpayers and residents of Grafton were very generous again this year. The Ladies send out solicitation letters each year requesting monetary donations for the Annual Firemen's Supper and this year received approximately \$1250 in donations, not including the monies taken in at the door of the supper. We realize that in our present economic state and at this time of year it is difficult for many and we cannot thank you all enough for your generosity. We appreciate the support the townspeople have always shown towards the Fire Department. Thank you, too, for those who donated food and supplies for this event. These monies assist in the purchases made throughout the year.

Some of this year's purchases included a thermal imaging camera which cost approximately \$6,791 which will aid the firefighters in locating the source of the fire and possibly any occupants trapped inside a building.

The local telephone directory was published this year. This project is taken on by the Ladies Auxiliary, usually every 2 years, and this year's edition is dedicated to Don Gallup. Don was a dedicated firefighter and Deputy Chief for many years. Don was instrumental in the construction of the new fire station. He spent countless hours sheet rocking, building and maintaining the new building. The Fire Department and the Town felt a great loss when Don passed away in April. The directories are available for purchase from members of the Auxiliary, at the Town Office, the Library, the Town Clerk's Office, and the Grafton Country Store. The cost is \$2.00 per directory.

New members are always welcome--there needs be no direct fire or ambulance affiliation. If you would like to help in any way, come join us!

*Bonnie J. Haubrich*  
Secretary



**Grafton Public Library  
Annual Report 2007**

**2007 Operating Cost of the Library:** **\$6444.79**  
*(85% supplied by town, 15% supplied by trustee holdings)*

**Account of Library Trustees Checking Account # 326513604:**

**Opening balance January 1, 2007:** **\$1817.76**

**Receipts:**

Book sale	202.50
Return cash for book sale	200.00
Donations	198.61
Interest earned on Certificate of Deposit #382010346	100.25
Reimbursement from Town for books	649.72

*Total Receipts:* **\$1351.08**

**Disbursements:**

Books	1224.46
Chimney Inspection <i>(Thank you, Joe Albano, for you donation of time and materials!)</i>	1.00
Gifts of Appreciation	70.00
Magazines	103.93
Mailbox rental	96.00
New Hampshire Library Trustees Assoc. Dues	80.00
Postage	41.78
Supplies	15.15
Cash for book sale	200.00

*Total Disbursements:* **\$1832.32**

**Closing balance December 31, 2007:** **\$1336.52**

**Library Assets:**

***Burnham Fund:***

Mascoma Certificate #386009030	2006 Ending Balance:	\$23,168.21
Currently held at an	2007 Interest:	<u>786.85</u>
Annual Percentage Yield of 3.40%	2007 Ending Balance:	\$23,955.06
Matures 11/6/2008		

***Braley Fund:***

Franklin Certificate #61206112	2006 Ending Balance:	\$5231.69
Currently held at an	2007 Interest:	<u>137.31</u>
Annual Percentage Yield of 4.11%	2007 Ending Balance:	\$5369.00
Matures 5/3/08		

***Savings Investment Fund:***

Mascoma Certificate #382010346  
 Currently held at an  
 Annual Percentage Yield of 4.50%  
 Matures 5/1/08

2006 Ending Balance:	\$3078.77
2007 Interest:	101.56
Withdrawn to checking:	100.25
Reconciliation Correction:	<u>- 5.56</u>
2007 Ending Balance:	\$3074.52

**Savings Account:**

Mascoma Acct # 900047711  
\$698.98

1.54

\$700.52

2006 Ending Balance:

2007 Interest:

2007 Ending Balance:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon L. Duffy, Treasurer for the Trustees of the Library

**Library Director's Report****Circulation Statistics (Media borrowed):**

Fiction: 622  
Nonfiction: 189  
Magazines: 65  
Young Adult: 133  
Juvenile: 284  
Videos: 305

**Collection Statistics (Media improved):**

Total new books added: 186 (*84 were purchased, 102 were donated*)  
Total books discarded: 219  
Total videos added: 5  
Total videos discarded: 4

**Miscellaneous Statistics:**

Approximate number of books donated to benefit the library through sales: 300  
Number of new card holders in 2007: 13  
Number of hours given in service by volunteers: 219.5

We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard this year to organize the library to put the books into the computer system and everyone who has helped to buy the books that make our library special to the people in Grafton.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Myrtle Cooper*, Director

It was an exciting year at the Grafton Public Library – a year full of research, training, and new beginnings. Our monthly Trustee meetings this year focused on solidifying our board practices to become compliant with state regulations and on moving forward in our quest to create a library that is handicap accessible and supplied with restrooms. We hope to move from the discussion stage to the planning stage within the next year. We would especially like to thank everyone who took the effort to come out to our meetings and share their ideas and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sharon Duffy*, Trustee

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2007

After a little more than one year as Grafton's tax collector, I have concluded that the job of managing the property tax accounts is highly underrated. It is clear that a small community such as ours cannot afford to pay someone to perform his or her duties as collector of taxes in accordance with the actual number of hours spent. The best one can do is to learn the process including New Hampshire property tax collection law, and take it one transaction at a time. I appreciate your assistance and patience this year while I have endured the learning curve. I also wish to thank Cathy Coutu, deputy tax collector, for her help and especially for her sense of humor.

This past year has been spent learning a variety of new things. Three workshops were offered in March and April by the Department of Revenue Administration and taught by the New Hampshire Tax Collectors Association. I attended all three and found them to be very helpful in understanding the process. I also attended the first week of training to become a Certified Tax Collector. It takes three years to become certified. I also have tax collectors from the entire state at my disposal to answer my questions. Both the NHTCA and the DRA have been instrumental to me in providing Grafton taxpayers with solid, sound and immediate answers to your questions. In addition, regular office hours were established to give property owners opportunity to come in to make payments or obtain information. Currently office hours are 6-8 pm Thursday evenings and 9 am to 12 noon on the last Saturday of each month. I can also be available by appointment. You may leave a message at 523-8395. I work full-time at Dartmouth, so I will not be able to return your call until after 4 pm during the work week. I always return calls – you can help me provide prompt, accurate service by providing your name, map and lot number of the property you are calling about, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

Another change is the Grafton County Register of Deeds is now online. We can research the site without having to travel the long distance to North Haverhill. This is substantial in cost savings of time and mileage.

We are in the process of updating our tax collection software – I learned - and many of you did also last spring, that many payments were not posted in the computer, and so it seemed as though your taxes were not paid. Your patience and helpfulness in this procedure were greatly appreciated. We hope to have the system completely updated before the time Notices of Arrearage are mailed out around April 4, 2008 per RSA 76:11-b. This notice is required to be mailed ninety days after the 2007 tax due date. It includes all outstanding balances and unpaid tax liens. If you are behind, if you can make regular payments it will avoid increasing interest which accrues daily.

2008 marks the first year that the Town will be billing for taxes twice – the first will be in late May to early June, and the second bill in late fall. The purpose is to give the Town of Grafton a consistent cash flow. When the town runs out of money, it must borrow from the bank, which costs heavily in interest. By billing semi-annually, we hope to prevent this added expense. We all will benefit from this change. The first billing is based on property assessment times half the 2007 tax rate (i.e. half of \$19.42 or \$9.71). The second billing is determined by the new tax rate times the assessment, then subtracting the first payment, leaving the new balance due. Unpaid taxes for 2008 will be lien in 2009.

Hopefully this has explained what has taken place this past year. If you have questions, please feel free to be in touch. We hope to have established tax collector's office space this year. The past year has been very challenging, however I have found it to be fulfilling and rewarding in many ways. I look forward to getting into our space and the continuous improvement of the tax records through computer technology. I also anticipate the opportunity to grow from both the State and the Tax Collector's Association.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Duefield*, Tax Collector



### **Township of Grafton Historical Society 2007**

The Museum is open each Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from spring through fall. During 2007 near and far visitors enjoyed their tours and many keep coming back. If there are Grafton residents who have not visited the Museum, come and experience the past, present, and future of our Town.

Our Board members meet the last Wednesday of each month 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Members and non-members are invited to attend these meetings. Share your thoughts and become involved. Membership is only \$10.00 per year.

Funds are always needed and the Board always comes up with ways to pay for our electricity, heat, office supplies, and upkeep. We continue to have yard sales, sell homemade pies before Thanksgiving each year, sell Grafton booklets and maps, have book sales and are selling raffle tickets for a hand-made wall hanging called "Places to Visit in New Hampshire".

Again this year we had our Christmas Open House in the Museum with Santa, Christmas music, great goodies, and conversation.

We had a successful Old Home Day at the Grafton Christian Church "Remembering Grafton Through the Years" and we will continue it each year.

Also, we are still involved with the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Doris B. Senter, President*

### **Grafton Local Auditors Report 2007**

We, the Auditors of Grafton, are in the process of examining the accounts of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees, Solid Waste, Recreation Dept. and Trustees of the Trust for the Fiscal Year 2007.

Our financial officers are compiling their 2007 records. After we review their records and reports, our findings will be compiled in the MS-60, the Local Auditor Report.

Professional auditors will perform Grafton's annual town audit for 2008. Last year the town auditor's recommendations included having the professionals perform an internal control audit. Such an audit should result in consistency in reporting and improve Grafton's financial procedures.

Our completed 2007 MS-60 reports will be submitted to the State in a timely manner. A copy will be available in the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pamela Curran*

*Jay Boucher*

## **Grafton Recycling Center Report 2007**

Since the Town of Grafton adopted mandatory recycling, we have come a long way. This year we were able to start a revolving account with the recycling money, under the direction of the Selectmen, with checks written by the Treasurer.

Only about 60% of the people in Grafton recycle. It would be nice if the other 40% joined in. From April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 the Town received approximately \$13,600 through recycling. This year the recycling money paid for a concrete pad for the new compactor and for the renovations on the office building.

A concrete pad was put in for the glass container and one for the demolition container. Plans are to construct roofs over both come spring, to keep the winter weather out of the containers, thus saving tax dollars. A small concrete ramp was also built to enable the forklift to put the bales into the truck body and steps were made to the present glass container.

Some minor repairs were made to the fork lift; a few repairs still need to be done in the spring. This year we would like to purchase a backhoe/loader from the recycling money. This will enable us to keep our containers packed down. Many thanks to the Highway Department for crushing our containers down this past year.

Thank you to those of you who do recycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Recycling Center Crew

*Wesley Joyce, Sr.*

*David Roberts*

*Joshua Fairbrother*

### **Town of Grafton**

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2007</b>	<b>Environmental Impact !</b>
Paper	81 Tons	Saved 1,371 trees!
Plastics	11 Tons	Conserved 17,093 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	58 Tons	Conserved 57,688 pounds of coal!

## ***TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

In 2007 the Town received \$1707.00 in interest income from the three Cemetery Trust funds for care of cemeteries and \$73.78 in interest from the Ruth Leonard and Barney Flanders Trusts for the purchase of books for the Town Library.

Disbursements from the Kilton Trust :

\$1500 for Visiting Nurse Association of New Hampshire and Vermont

\$ 390 for Medical Expense Reimbursement to Grafton residents

\$20 Safety Deposit Box annual rental

In view of the reduced income from the Kilton Trust, the Trustees have decided to limit payout to individuals for medical reimbursement to no more than a total of \$1500 a year in order to preserve capital while continuing to fulfill the purpose of the Trust.

Additions to Capital Reserve Funds were as follows:

Highway Equipment	\$40,000
Bridge	\$30,000
New Ambulance	\$20,000
Police Cruiser	\$ 7,000
Library	\$ 2,500
Town Hall Repairs	\$ 3,000
Storage Vault	\$ 2,000
Veterans Park Memorial	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	<u>\$105,500</u>

According to Warrant Article #16 in the 1007 Town Report, the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund was to have been transferred to a new Recycling Capital Reserve Fund. The Trustees made this transfer before discovering that the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) had disallowed the article as it was omitted from the MS 7 form in the proposed budget for 2007. However, after withdrawals of \$1263.00 to meet obligations for the Transfer Station, \$118,750.00 was withdrawn and placed in the General Fund pending resubmission of a new Article on the 2008 Town Warrant (see article # ). In the meantime the new Fund has earned \$2465.86 in interest. The transfer of \$118,750 from the General Fund if approved by voters this year, will be added the already existing Recycling Capital Reserve Fund.

In our report last year we noted that interest from the Cemetery and Library Trust Funds would be paid directly to the Town as revenue for 2007. The information we received at that time from the Charitable Trust Division of the Department of Justice was incorrect. In 2008 the interest income from the combined years 2006 and 2007 will be paid to the Cemetery and Library Trustees respectively in the amounts of \$3094.90 and \$154.38.

Keary Morse 2008

Catherine Mulholland 2009

Brenda Perkins 2010



**Trustees of the Trust Funds**  
**Report of Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**  
**2007**

Fund Name	Starting Balance	New Funds Created	Withdrawal	Ending Balance	Starting Balance	Received Money Market	Income Expended During Year	Ending Balance
Highway Equipment	61,055	40,000	29,110	101,055	11,521.27	2,716.47	0	115,292.70
Bridge	107,168.80	30,000	0	137,168.80	3,372.01	6,810.31	0	140,607.10
Property Reappraisal	3,085	0	0	3,085	11,023.46	718.05	0	14,826.51
Solid Waste	75,036.34	0	75,036.34	0	45,749.61	1,448.90	0	0
Recreation Field Shelter	15,000	0	0	15,000	12,349.70	1,392.12	0	28,741.82
New Fire Truck	0	0	0	0	80.71	3.65	0	84.36
New Police Cruiser	1,492	9,508	0	11,000	2,314.20	215.68	0	13,529.88
New Ambulance	85,000	1,423.60	86,423.60	0	8,604.20	1,092.49	7,380.60	2,316.09
Fire Apparatus Library	95,500	0	95,500	0	6,095.04	1,896.27	5,000	2,991.31
Storage Vault	7,500	2,500	0	10,000	449.11	404.58	0	10,853.69
Town Hall Repairs	2,000	2,000	0	4,000	44.93	103.98	0	4,148.91
Veterans' Memorial	3,000	3,000	0	6,000	67.67	156.03	0	6,223.70
	1,000	1,000	0	2,000	22.81	51.72	0	2,074.53

Fund Name	Starting Balance	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Ending Balance	Starting Balance	Received Money Market	Income Expended During Year	Ending Balance
Kilton Pond	24,850.22	0	987.56	23,862.66	65,534.29	3,198.35	75.00	92,520.30
Mascoma	0	0	0	0	2,689.56	0	410.00	2,219.56
Common 1	9,750.72	0	280.52	9,470.20	24,305.20	1,307.20	75.00	35,007.60
Common 2	509.60	0	1.24	508.36	747.56	31.27	75.00	1,212.19
Pine Grove	4,057.52	0	106.23	3,951.29	10,594.78	368.63	75.00	14,907.59
Total Cemetery	14,317.84	0	387.99	13,929.85	18,320.83	1,707.10	225.00	51,127.38
Flanders	436.26	3.43	0	439.69	1,458.69	38.90	75.00	1,862.28
Leonard	420.56	0	1.02	419.54	1,281.98	34.88	75.00	1,661.40
Total Library	856.82	3.43	1.02	859.23	2,740.67	73.78	150.00	3,523.68

## Grafton Police Department Crime Listing Summary for 2007

911 Hang-up	19	Military Records Check	2
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Missing Person	2
Alarm	18	MV Unlock	9
Alcohol-Minor Possession	1	NCIC Entry	2
Animal – Bite	3	Neighborhood Dispute	7
Animal – Livestock Complaint	10	Noise Disturbance	3
Animal – Lost	8	Non Permit Burn	2
Animal – Nuisance	11	Open Door	5
Animal – Stray	21	Outside Duty	2
Animal – Wild	12	Paper Service	38
Arrests	8	Paperwork Relay	2
Assist – Ambulance	53	Parking Violation	11
Assist – Citizen	42	Police Information	29
Assist – Court	23	Property – Found	2
Assist – Fire/Police	53	Property – Lost	1
Assist – Others	8	Property Returned	2
Assist – Public Works	11	Protective Order	1
Assist – Social Services	90	Questions	1
Assault	5	Reckless Driving	3
Attempted Suicide	1	Record Check-Other	9
ATV Complaints	2	Road Conditions	4
Burglary	6	Road Hazard/Obstruction	21
Case Follow-up	50	Sexual Assault	2
Child Abuse	1	Sexual Offender Registration	13
Civil Issue – Stand-by	15	Shots Fired	2
Criminal Mischief	17	Special Service	13
Citizen Requested Assist	4	Stalking	1
Criminal Threat	3	Stranded Motorist	2
Criminal Trespass	2	Subpoena Service	27
Death/Suicide	2	Suspicious Person	9
Directed Patrol	93	Theft	33
Disturbance	1	Towed	1
Domestic Dispute	21	Town Ordinance Issue	1
Drinking Under Influence	4	Traffic Accident	7
Fighting	1	Traffic Accident-Nonreport	6
Fingerprinting (School)	7	Traffic Control	3
Fraud	1	Traffic – Disabled Vehicle	4
Fraud-Bad Checks	5	Traffic Offense – Citation	1
Harassing Communication	3	Traffic Offense – Hit & Run	1
Harassment	1	Traffic Offense – Lights	1
House Check	21	Traffic Offense – Reckless	1
Juvenile Complaint	4	Traffic Offense – Warning	8
Juvenile Runaway	1	Traffic – Unlicensed Driver	2
Joy Riding	1	Transport	1
Littering-Illegal Dumping	2	Unwanted Subject	2
Manner of Operation	7	VIN Inspection	37
Mentally Ill Issues	3	Warrant-Criminal/Civil	2
Message Delivery	12	Weapon Permits	43
NCIC Cancellation	1	Weapon Violations	3
NCIC Check – Pistol Permit	11	Welfare Check	19
<b>Miscellaneous Calls</b>	<b>973</b>		
<b>Motor Vehicle Violations</b>	<b>74</b>		
<b>Total of All Calls</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>Respectfully Submitted:</b>	
		<i>Merle Kenyon, Chief of Police</i>	



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2007

Before starting this report I would like to thank all current members of the highway department, Razor Hill Excavation, Frank's Auto and Excavation Services, Sean Frost, Dave Tupper, Jr., and anyone I missed for their hard work and dedication to the department and Town of Grafton for the April storm disaster, and the rest of the year 2007.

Again, as in May 2006, we found ourselves involved in a weather-related disaster. It began on April 17<sup>th</sup> with the arrival of a storm that caused considerable damage to 18 different named roads in Grafton. In May 2006, only 4 of Grafton's roads were affected by the Mother's Day storm, and we did receive FEMA money for repair work.

Because Grafton and other surrounding communities have been affected over the years by major storm events and received assistance from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), in this year's report I will explain how funding is achieved and received from FEMA and the State of New Hampshire.

First, the state must withstand 1.5 million dollars in state-wide damage. If that amount in damage is not determined through a PDA. If the 1.5 million dollars in damage has not been determined through a PDA (preliminary damage assessment) report completed by each community affected, FEMA will not cover any public assistance to the state of local communities. It is up to the communities to repair the road damage their own funds. For instance, the April storm a few years ago had less than \$50,000 in road damage in Grafton. Total damage around the state did not add up to 1.5 million dollars, so no public assistance was received.

Once the declaration is determined and approved through a request from the governor to the President, there is a kick-off meeting in each county to apply for public assistance, and meet all FEMA members involved in helping the town to receive public assistance. From that meeting date the community has 90 days to complete forms for work completed, and work to be completed to put damaged roads and bridges back in pre-condition before the storm began. Records are kept including hours worked, equipment and hours worked, material used during and after the storm, and what contractors were used. Each community is assigned a public assistance coordinator to assist in damage assessment and funding estimates determined by cost codes set by federal government standards. The coordinator will review and measure each site to determine how much it will cost to repair and reimburse the town for each road damaged area. A project worksheet (PW) is completed and signed by both the FEMA representative, and the administrator (road agent). Grafton has twenty-one project worksheets for the April 2007 disaster.

Each community has eighteen months from the disaster declaration date to complete the projects once funding is approved, FEMA contributes 75%, and the town contributes 12.5%. The State of New Hampshire Legislature will vote on, and more than likely approve 12.5% of the non-federal match share which each community will receive once all projects are signed off as completed. FEMA approved the 12.5% funding for the Mother's Day flood of 2006 and the April storm of 2007.

FEMA requires that you repair with the funds received, the measured site location determined on each project worksheet. If you complete the damaged locations and have funds left over from that project, you are not required to return the remaining funds to the government. The remaining funds may be used for continued repair work, either on the road already repaired (i.e. the improved ditch line and culvert replacement for better draining on Bullock's Crossing), or other roads in town that need attention. Also the town may use the remaining funds from each completed PW for the "betterment of the community." Some of these funds were used for the newly paved parking lot and landscaping at the town clerk's office and Historical Society building.

The highway department will resume working on remaining projects as soon as weather permits. I believe all projects will be completed before the 18-month deadline arrives. Of course, there is always the possibility of more storms. The Mother's Day disaster of May 2006 projects have been completed and all funds received.

We need to recognize and thank Mike Murray who was the town's public assistance coordinator from FEMA. Mike determined how much public assistance would come to Grafton for the April 2007 storm. Mike and I spent many days including weekends traveling to, and assessing damaged sites, plus reviewing paperwork and photographs to determine how much funding would be appropriated for each of the 21 damaged sites.

In closing, again as last year, our fleet of trucks and heavy equipment are aging with each passing year. When you come to the warrant article that asks for funds for the highway fund, please vote yes so we can replace trucks and heavy equipment as money becomes available – and please slow down when entering our work zones.

Respectfully submitted, .

*Fred Duefield*  
Grafton Road Agent

#### FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2007 FIRE SEASON

THE FOLLOWING PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY SEAN FROST, FIRE WARDEN, MERLE KENYON, DEPUTY WARDEN/POLICE CHIEF, AND KENNETH CUSHING, DEPUTY WARDEN OVER THE 2007 FIRE SEASON:

	<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
PERMITS FOR BRUSH	55	27.86	463.51
PERMITS FOR CAMPFIRE	40	18.43	288.65
PERMITS FOR COOKING FIRES	60	27	417
COMMERCIAL PERMITS	0	0	0
TRANSFER STATION/ BURN INSPECTIONS	8	2	0
ADMINISTRATIVE TIME	0	5	0
GRAND TOTALS	163	80	1,169

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
*SEAN FROST*, FIRE WARDEN

## **Grafton Volunteer Fire Department 2007 Annual Report**

### **Incident**

Structure Fires	6
Chimney Fires	3
Mutual Aid	6
Smoke Investigation	3
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	2
Non-permitted Burns	1
Flooding	1
Vehicle Accidents	10
Vehicle Fire	1
Power Line Hazards	10
Alarm Investigation	5
EMS assists	9

**Total Incidents** 57

The firefighters of the Grafton would like to thank the taxpayers for the acquisition of the new Rescue vehicle. This vehicle marks the sixth and final objective of the 5 year plan. The Rescue vehicle now allows us to move equipment to and operate safely at any incident. We also like to thank the Grafton Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work in fund raising that resulted in the donation of an IR (Infrared Imaging) Camera. The IR can sense and display thermal image of a fire scene or assist in night time searches and rescue missions. This expensive piece of will allow us to effectively fight chimney fires with the least amount of structural and water damage to the home. We also like to thank the Mascoma Foundation for their Grant to purchase two Auto-Crib devices. The Auto-Crib device allows us to quickly and safely stabilize motor vehicle for patient extraction.

2007 the volunteers under took a project to build the antenna tower. This tower will be used for the EOC (Emergency Operation Center) and communications within the radio dead spots in Grafton. Land clearing, conduit trenching and initial tower erection has taken place all with volunteer labor. Due to weather, procurement and scheduling conflicts the tower won't be in operation until late spring 2008.

2007 also completes my first year as Chief of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department. I like to thank Chief Chris Williams for his wisdom and guidance during the transition. I also like to thank all the active Volunteers who show up for meetings and training sessions so that we can operate safely as a team to any emergency that the town of Grafton may have.

Respectfully submitted,

*John J. Babiarz*, Chief,  
Grafton Volunteer Fire Department



**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH**  
***Homecare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Grafton, NH***

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 200 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of the ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community's safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a "contribution" towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Grafton residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

Home Healthcare

Residents Served	28
Home Visits	650
Hours of Service	521.45

Maternal and Child Health

Residents Served	8
Home Visits	138
Hours of Service	134.08

Hospice Services

Residents Served	4
Home Visits	398
Hours of Service	360.68

Long Term Care

Residents Served	3
Home Visits	89
Hours of Service	161.28

Family Support Services (including Fatherhood Services)

Residents Served	37
Home Visits	227
Hours of Service	183

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, and cholesterol testing and flu shots.

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Sincerely,  
Mark Hamilton  
Interim President and CEO

## MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE

*Working to improve the health & well-being of the people in the Mascoma Valley...*

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The Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (MVHI) is a nonprofit public health organization and NH Public Health Network site representing the five towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange. Our mission is to maintain and improve the health and well being of residents of these five communities through public health programs and education. In 2007, MVHI received program and operating support from state grants and contracts, foundation grants, town appropriations and donations from the community.

### **2007 Community Benefits Highlights:**

- Our **Public Health Fair** (held in September) was a big success – over 35 local and regional organizations & businesses were on hand to provide public health materials and information for an estimated 400 attendees. *Approximately 9% of those attending the 2007 Public Health Fair were from Grafton.*
- We published three issues of our **written newsletter**, which is delivered to all households in the Mascoma Valley and includes seasonal health and safety tips, along with information about our organization, current programs and upcoming events.
- MVHI worked to bring **Flu Shot Clinics** to the Mascoma Valley Regional High School, which allowed 175 people to receive a free flu vaccination. These November flu shot clinics also served as a drill to test the Mascoma Valley Point of Dispensing (POD) plan.
- We continued our leadership role in **coordinating Regional Pandemic Planning for NH State Region 4**, which includes the five Mascoma Valley towns and eight others in both Grafton and Sullivan Counties. In addition to writing and revising the Regional Plan, MVHI has collaborated with each of the five towns in writing their Local Emergency Operation Plans, as well as the Mascoma Valley POD Plan. Presentations about the regional emergency planning and preparedness work were offered to all towns. MVHI also planned and facilitated several other exercises to test the response plan, including a Regional Tabletop in May and a Regional Functional Exercise in December.
- MVHI works in the community to assist municipalities, businesses and organizations **build local public health emergency response capacity**. That technical assistance for emergency preparedness efforts included facilitating a Continuity of Operations Planning forum for businesses, leading two “Volunteering in a POD” trainings with local EMS providers and Lions Club members, and providing one-on-one support as requested.
- The **Mascoma Valley Tobacco Coalition** coordinates efforts for tobacco prevention & cessation in the region. Activities for the year included completing compliance checks in local stores and restaurants, hosting a Great American Smoke Out poster contest (receiving 147 entries from our Mascoma Valley Elementary and Middle Schools), leading classroom discussions for 4th-7th graders regarding deceptive tobacco advertising practices, and planning a new monthly smoking cessation support group with the Good Neighbor Mascoma Clinic.
- With funding from an Endowment for Health planning grant, MVHI is exploring the problem of Geographic Barriers to Health Care Access. We’ve held focus groups, a community forum, and have prepared reports on regional transportation needs and primary care needs (which you can find at our web site). We continue to consider best practices to **help make it easier for people here to access the health care they need**. MVHI works with the Good Neighbor Mascoma Clinic to promote that evening clinic option in Canaan. We can also help family’s complete applications for the NH Healthy Kids program.
- We **collaborate with many additional local, regional and state agencies and organizations to assess and address community health needs**. This includes projects related to: Oral Health, Alcohol and other Substances, Nutrition and Physical Activity and more. MVHI participates in the Bi-State Coalition for Community Health Improvement.

We would welcome your suggestions, comments or concerns; and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Danielle Thompson, MS – Executive Director*



**Grafton Resident Marriage Report**  
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

<i>Groom's Name</i>	<i>Groom's Residence</i>	<i>Bride's Name</i>	<i>Bride's Residence</i>	<i>Town Issued</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Date of Marriage</i>
Burrill, David W	Grafton, NH	Nelson, Maria D	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	01/13/2007
Demers, William T	Grafton, NH	Vetrano, Eva L	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	03/09/2007
Hardy, Douglas L	Salisbury, NH	Teer, Wendy J	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Salisbury	05/22/2007
Emond, Travis P	Grafton, NH	Rush, Brenda L	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	06/30/2007
Collins, Steven P	Grafton, NH	McLaughlin, Michele	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Wolfeboro	07/04/2007
Murphy, Michael A	Grafton, NH	Tibbits, Alaina M	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	07/21/2007
Mason, George W	Grafton, NH	Ketter, Jennifer T	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	08/25/2007
Fields, Jason A	Grafton, NH	Mahoney, Maria E	Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	10/06/2007
Corriveau, Christopher	Grafton, NH	Leabo, Amber L	Sunapee, NH	Sunapee	Orange	10/16/2007

**Grafton Resident Birth Report**

January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
Guzy, Ryan Kenneth	01/01/2007	Lebanon, NH		Evans, Carmen-Jane
Albanese, Brody Anthony	01/07/2007	Lebanon, NH	Albanese, Damien	Albanese, Angela
Bohannon, Chloe Marie	01/30/2007	Lebanon, NH	Bohannon, Larry	Ignacio, Mary
Depalo, Christina Lee	02/09/2007	Lebanon, NH	Depalo, Michael	LeClair, Samantha
Stone, Braelyn Anne	02/15/2007	Lebanon, NH	Stone, Peter	Stone, Cheryl
Prince, Andrew Michael	03/14/2007	Lebanon, NH	Prince, Scott	Prince, Megan
Valle, Ava Lotus	04/18/2007	Concord, NH	Valle, Paul	Valle, Michelle
Demers, Jacob Thomas	05/21/2007	Lebanon, NH	Demers, William	Demers, Eva
Thoresen, Natalie Ann	05/30/2007	Lebanon, NH	Thoresen, Jason	Thoresen, Christina
Johnson, Alyssa Ann	05/31/2007	Lebanon, NH	Johnson, Clint	Johnson, Chris
LaHaye, Bradley August	06/26/2007	Lebanon, NH	LaHaye, David	Johnson, Linda
Morgan, Hunter Rene Morris	07/31/2007	Lebanon, NH	Morgan, Clayton	Morgan, Lorie
Horn, Blake Liam	12/17/2007	Lebanon, NH	Horn, Rudi	Grinley, Vanessa



**Grafton Resident Death Report**  
**January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**

<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
Murphy, Tammy	01/26/2007	Grafton, NH	Gadwah, Dean	Thompson, Bernice
Sargent, June	02/28/2007	Grafton, NH	Sargent, Frank	Cole, Myrtle
Gallup, Donald	04/04/2007	New London, NH	Gallup, Sylvanis	Tucker, Ora
Davison, Cornelius	04/07/2007	Grafton, NH	Davison, Harry	Wesselman, Anna
Perkins, Thomas	05/11/2007	Lebanon, NH	Perkins, Gordon	Paradis, Mary
Poittrast, Dennis	06/22/2007	Grafton, NH	Poittrast, Francis	Streeter, Helen
Ryan, Margaret	10/19/2007	Lebanon, NH	McNamara, James	Gallagher, Nora
Robie Sr., Raymond	10/24/2007	Lebanon, NH	Robie, Lawrence	Riley, Mary

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